



Alternate Channel

The newsletter for and about the members of the
LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM

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Company 15 Administers Care to 14 Year Old Female Hit by a Tree

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(Left to Right) Ashleigh Harvey (2nd place), Kyle O'Donnel (1st place) and Catherine Procina (3rd place) are the winners of the t-shirt design contest.

"Operation Save a Life"

.....An after action report

Our committee started off simple. We were tasked by the EMS Council with finding a project that would increase public awareness of EMS and public safety. Oh, yes, and this project or projects should not cost too much - as everybody's budget, to include the EMS Advisory Council's, was already stretched thin.

So the Public Education Committee was born and the idea of conducting a mass citizen CPR day evolved. CPR is a basic and vital skill that has great public appeal. The committee thought this would be a good place to begin. However, we quickly identified several hurdles. First, our project needed a title. "Operation Save a Life" was a unanimous choice. Secondly, we needed an identifying logo, and last but by far not least, there was the issue of funding.

It was decided that funding had to be dealt with first. Multiple solicitation letters were mailed to businesses throughout Loudoun County. We used the Chamber of Commerce listing and unfortunately got a relatively small response rate. However, we were pleasantly surprised to get some quick and generous responses from local businesses which was enough to cover our expenses and leave a little "seed" money.

The design of the logo came next. After an initial attempt to get the school system involved we tried the Department of Parks and Recreation. We appealed to all the kids in the summer program to design a T-shirt for "Operation Save a Life." The creativity was incredible and the judges had a difficult time narrowing down our final

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COMPANY NEWS

Medivac to Childrens

Due to the high winds on Thursday, November 13th, a tree was blown down, striking a 14 y/o female waiting for her morning school bus. CT Paul O'Brien (SVRS) was next store at the time and responded. Being first on the scene, O'Brien found the patient conscious, with obvious trauma to the head. M15-4 with Paramedic Bill Brooks and EMT Erik Hanna responded, along with Rescue 15 (LCFR Staff-Donny Henry, Brent Harne, Dan Bush and Jimmy Gray), Engine 11 (LCFR G.G. Greggs, Jason Collins and William Bliss) and BC1 Mike Richardson. Also on scene were SVRS EMT Christine O'Brien and Administrative Member John Cummings.

Medstar transported the patient to Children's Hospital, where, at last report, the patient was in a stable and non-life threatening condition.

Submitted by John Cummings,
Co. 15

Attention All Fire-Rescue Personnel

The TB PPD skin test can only be read for results through the facility in which administered the test to you.

The Loudoun County Public Health Department will not read the tests administered through INOVA.



Working under wires and tree are FF Brent Harne, Paul O'Brien, Bill Brooks and Erik Hanna who are administering patient care to a 14 year old female hit by the tree blown down by high winds.

Tuition Reimbursement Program for Fire-Rescue Volunteers

Volunteers must be shown as "Active" on the Loudoun County fire-rescue roster at the time of application. Volunteer members of the Loudoun County fire-rescue system earn one year of tuition reimbursement credit for each year of service credit granted under the County's Volunteer Length of Service Annuity Program (LOSAP). They must have received 80 or more qualifying points (and therefore earned 1 year of service credit) in the preceding point year to qualify for reimbursement.

Any fire and rescue volunteer may receive a maximum of \$1,000 of tuition reimbursement per fiscal year, up to a maximum benefit of \$4,000. The fiscal year begins July 1 and ends on June 30. A volunteer is eligible to receive reimbursement in up to four one-year periods. Consecutive reimbursement periods are not required.

Tuition reimbursement funds can be used for course tuition at any accredited two or four-year college or university, graduate school, or professional school (medical or law school). For purposes of this program, the institution's accreditation must be with a regional accrediting organization that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Funds cannot be used for registration fees, travel expenses, parking fees, or other costs that may be associated with the course. Finan-

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JANUARY 2004

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy New Year! Company 15	2	3
4	5 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	6	7 Companies 13 & 17	8	9	10
11 Company 14	12 Companies 2,7,8,9,12 BLS Committee	13 Rescue Chiefs	14 Company 10 Retention & Recruitment Committee	15	16	17
18	19 Company 1 ALS Committee	20 EMS Council	21 Fire Council	22	23	24
25	26 Companies 4 & 8	27 Fire-Rescue Commission	28	29	30	31

SCHEDULED TRAINING

ALS Challenge

December 2 & 6, 2003

AHA CPR-Healthcare Provider

Class #8 Sat. December 6, 2003

Firefighter II

January 3—February 18, 2004

N.F.P.A. 1403 Class

January 15, 2004

Fire-Rescue Orientation

February 4, 2004

Fire-Rescue Orientation

February 12, 2004

Fire-Rescue Orientation Courses Scheduled

The Orientation Course is a pre-requisite for the upcoming EMT-Basic & Fire Fighter I Courses.

Walk in—No PPTR Required
(Two separate dates offered)

Wednesday, February 4, 2004

And

Thursday, February 12, 2004

7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**Classroom III (Main Bldg.)
LCFR Training Center**

**Please Send Articles and
Photos to Frankie at Fire
& Rescue**

Or

**E-MAIL ARTICLES TO:
frust@loudoun.gov**

**Submission Deadline
1st week of month prior
to issue month**

**CHECK YOUR
PHOTO ID CARD'S
EXPIRATION DATE**

Operation Save a Life
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choice. Pictured are the three finalists and the winning design. The design was used for instructor and participant T-shirts.

Operation Save A Life (Adult Family & Friends) was held on September 27, 2003 at the National Guard armory. We had a total of 41 participants for our first experience. A \$20 fee covered the cost of a book, hand-outs and a T-shirt. The number was small but a good beginning. The participants were enthusiastic and our evaluations have come back with great comments about what to do next year. We learned that many were interested in a Pediatric CPR class. Most participants had never had training or had taken CPR training more than five years ago. Our instructors got high praise. The participants agreed as did the committee that we need to find more ways to get the word out and increase our marketing efforts.

On **Saturday, September 18, 2004**, the Public Educa-

tion Committee will be offering our second annual "Operation Save a Life" citizen CPR day. A Pediatric Family & Friends will be held in the morning and Adult CPR in the afternoon. Our goal is to at least double our participation! "Scholarships" will be available for citizens unable to afford the fee.

Our "seed" money will also be supporting a new spring event. On **Saturday, April 24, 2004**, a program developed by EMT's and taught by EMTs will be held on Pediatric First Aid & Safety in the Board of Supervisors chambers at the Government center. The two hour class will be targeted to new parents or grandparents. We don't yet have name for this class. Those with name suggestions should contact any committee member.

Members of the committee are; PJ Azzolina, Sterling, Vince Chirichella, Round Hill, Joy Brown-Dotson, LCF&R, Mary Maguire, LCF&R, Barbara J Murphy (Chair) Ashburn, Jeff Rashap, Leesburg, Lou Ann Welch, LCF&R.



Vince Chirichella instructing CPR during the Operation; Save a Life program.

How Can You Help Public Education?

1. Get your place of business to become a Sponsor.
2. If you have a Home Owners Association, send us the email address, so we can send notices.
3. Assist with spreading the word at your station & any public events. – watch for flyers!
4. Offer to help as an instructor.
5. Help us name the Pediatric safety class.

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cial reimbursement will not be provided for courses, conferences, conventions, or seminars that do not result in college or university credit. The volunteer must receive a grade of "C" or better, or "Pass" if the course is ungraded.

Tuition reimbursement is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Volunteers may apply for tuition reimbursement at any point during the year by completing a Volunteer Tuition Reimbursement Application form and submitting the form to the Fire & Rescue Commission for verification of eligibility. If eligible, a voucher authorizing reimbursement will be issued to the volunteer.

Within 60 days of course completion, the volunteer must submit the following information

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CAD STREETS - OCTOBER 2003

Street Name	Cross-Street	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box
Armstrong Tr	Hickory Hill Sq	Camden Westwind Apts	6	6	6-14
Aspendale Sq	Baltusrol Tr	Belmont	6	6	6-4
Boston Tr	Eden Dr	Parc Dulles Apts	18	25	18-6
Bradforas Telegraph Ct	Donerails Chase Dr	Cedar Hunt	19	19	19-3
Brandeis Tr	Parc Dulles Sq	Parc Dulles Apts	18	25	18-6
Broadoak Pl	Ivendale Rd	Equity Homes Property	5	17	5-5
Carver Ct	Bankfield Dr	Waterford Ridge	10	17	10-6
Colgate Tr	Boston Tr	Parc Dulles Apts	18	25	18-6
Donerails Chase Dr	Braddock Rd	Cedar Hunt	19	19	19-3
Edgemont Sq	Baltusrol Tr	Belmont	6	6	6-4
Fairbanks Pl	Lewiston Dr	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Freeport Pl	Old Ox Rd	Loudoun Valley Estates	9	9	9-6
Genius Sq	Restful Tr	Kirkpatrick Farms	9	9	9-9
Hickory Hill Sq	Westwind Dr	Camden Westwind Apts	6	6	6-14
Hobart Tr	Parc Dulles Sq	Parc Dulles Apts	18	25	18-6
Holt Ct	Pavlo Pl	Waterford Ridge	10	17	10-6
Ivory Ln	Nations St	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Jenny Ln	Talent St	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Jolly Ln	Talent St	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Kerrisdale Wy	Freeport Pl	Loudoun Valley Estates	9	9	9-6
Lewiston Dr	Mandolin St	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Lost Creek Tr	Hickory Hill Sq	Camden Westwind Apts	6	6	6-14
Mechanicsville Glen St	Lucketts Bridge Ci	Loudoun Valley Estates	6	6	6-14
Millwright Tr	Riverpoint Dr	Lansdowne on the Potomac	6	6	6-1
Ogden Pl	Summerstown Pl	Loudoun Valley Estates	9	9	9-6
Old Blueridge Rd	Blueridge Mountain Rd		4	4	21-2
Orchard Grass Tr	Hickory Hill Sq	Camden Westwind Apts	6	6	6-14
Parc Dulles Sq	Haleybird Dr	Parc Dulles Apts	18	25	18-6
Pavlo Pl	Bankfield Dr	Waterford Ridge	10	17	10-6
Phar Lap Ct	Unbridleds Song Pl	Cedar Hunt	19	19	19-3
Piedmont Hunt Tr	Scattersville Gap Tr	Loudoun Valley Estates	6	6	6-14
Precious Sq	Sweetness Tr	Kirkpatrick Farms	9	9	9-9
Pyrite Ct	Pepperbush Pl	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Restful Tr	Sweetness Tr	Kirkpatrick Farms	9	9	9-9

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Rogerdale Pl	Freeport Pl	Loudoun Valley Estates	9	9	9-6
Ryan Center Wy	Ryan Rd	Ryan Park Center	6	6	6-11
Sawtooth Ct	Pepperbush Pl	Stone Ridge North	9	9	9-9
Skidmore Tr	Parc Dulles Sq	Parc Dulles Apts	18	25	18-6
Stargell Tr	Riverpoint Dr	Lansdowne on the Potomac	6	6	6-1
Stires Dr	Mandolin St	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Summerstown Pl	Freeport Pl	Loudoun Valley Estates	9	9	9-6
Suny Bay Ct	Donerails Chase Dr	Cedar Hunt	19	19	19-3
Sweetness Tr	Destiny Dr	Kirkpatrick Farms	9	9	9-9
Talent St	Nations St	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Tufts Tr	Wellesley Tr	Parc Dulles Apts	18	25	18-6
Unbridleds Song Pl	Donerails Chase Dr	Cedar Hunt	19	19	19-3
Unicorn Dr	Fairbanks Pl	South Riding	19	19	19-2
Valley Overlook Ln	Blueridge Mountain Rd		Q5 & 4	Q5 & 4	21-1
Vassar Tr	Parc Dulles Sq	Parc Dulles Apts	18	25	18-6
Wellesley Tr	Parc Dulles Sq	Parc Dulles Apts	18	25	18-6
Westfield Pl	Broad oak Pl	Equity Homes Property	5	17	5-5
Yukon Dr	Ryan Center Wy	Ryan Park Center	6	6	6-11

Old Street Name	New Street Name	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box
Robey Rd	A St	Purcellville	2	14	2-10

Deleted Street Name	Subdivision	1st Engine	1st Amb	Box
Larkmead Tr	Westwind Crossing	6	6	6-14
Mendocino Tr	Westwind Crossing	6	6	6-14
Montelena Tr	Westwind Crossing	6	6	6-14
Warm Springs Tr	Westwind Crossing	6	6	6-14



Patty Turner Promoted

Congratulations to Patty Turner who was promoted to the position of Emergency Communications Center Manager effective November 6, 2003. Patty will supervise the operations within the fire-rescue communications center.

to the Department of Fire-Rescue Services in order to receive reimbursement:

- A copy of voucher
- Official proof of course completion and final grade (an official copy of the volunteer's college transcript is required).
- A copy of the receipt documenting payment of tuition.

Volunteers who do not submit a voucher for reimbursement within the required 60 days following course completion must apply directly to the Fire & Rescue Commission in writing, explaining the cause of the delay and requesting consideration of voucher reimbursement.

If a volunteer is not able to use the tuition reimbursement voucher within one year, the Fire & Rescue Commission must be notified in writing in order to recover credit for the reimbursement period. At the discretion of the Commission, the voucher may be extended to the next fiscal year without diminishing the volunteer's total allowable benefit.

The application form may be obtained through the website www.loudoun.gov/fire and link to Volunteer Benefits, or by calling Amiee Hackney at 703-737-8370.



Reach Beyond The Basics!

Recently, several members of the Loudoun County Department of Fire and Rescue Services attended classes that broadened their knowledge, skills, and abilities in heavy and tactical rescue situations. Over the past few months Lieutenants Justin Green, Mike Goole, and Kevin Stiles, Technician Chris Gay, Firefighter/EMT-I Mike Kehne and Firefighter/EMT Mathew Murphy attended several different advanced level classes.

In early September, the six members attended Rope Rescue I in Manassas, Virginia.

Submitted: Kevin Stiles, LCFR

**WE WISH YOU A HAPPY
AND SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON!**